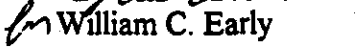


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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Unilateral Order pursuant to Section 106 of CERCLA for the Metal Bank Superfund Site

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TO: W. Michael McCabe
Regional Administrator (3RA00)

Attached for your signature is a Unilateral Administrative Order ("UAO") pursuant to Section 106 of CERCLA, which requires thirteen respondents to finance and perform certain remedial response activities set forth in the December 31, 1997 Record of Decision ("ROD") for the Metal Bank Superfund Site ("Site"), located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. We recommend that you sign the attached Order. The respondents to the UAO include current and former owners of the Site, the former operator, and utility companies that sent transformers containing hazardous substances to the Site. Pursuant to this Order, the respondents must implement the requirements of the ROD. EPA is currently preparing a de minimis settlement offer for seven potentially responsible parties identified for the Site. Attached is a memorandum justifying not issuing this UAO to the de minimis parties.

The major objective in issuing this Order is to have the Respondents perform the ROD requirements which include excavation of contaminated soil and sediment, off-site disposal of highly contaminated soil and sediment, consolidation of the remaining contaminated soil on-site, installation of a soil cover, installation of an oil collection system, and access and land use restrictions.

Attachments